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NB2O5 AND/OR TA2O5 AND METHODS OF MAKING THE SAME

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated March 3, 2006, in the aboveidentified application.

Upon review of the file, it was noted that the initialed Form PTO-1449 filed with the Information Disclosure Statements dated June 10, 2004 and September 30, 2005 have not been received. It is requested that the Examiner initial the Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, and return it to the undersigned attorney.

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.